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CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT SCHEME
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a new scheme called 'Cluster Development Scheme' for the development of handloom sector has been launched recently;
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof;
- (c) whether this cluster approach is likely to replace the cooperative approach for the development of handloom sector;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) if not, the steps being taken/proposed to be taken to provide assistance to States, particularly Karnataka under the said scheme and strengthening the cooperative sector in handlooms?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) & (b): The Government of India launched new scheme called 'Integrated Handloom Cluster Development Scheme' in the year 2005-06 for holistic & integrated development of 20 handloom clusters in a time frame of four years at a total cost not exceeding Rs. 2.00 crore per cluster. These clusters are spread in 12 States, including the State of Karnataka, each covering about 5,000 handlooms.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): Integrated Handloom Cluster Development Scheme will be replaced by a proposed new "Integrated Handloom Development Scheme (IHDS)", which has been formulated by merging the components, with or without modifications of the Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana, Integrated Handloom Cluster Development Scheme, Integrated Handloom Training Project and Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme implemented during the Xth Plan. In the State of Karnataka, Gadag is one of the 20 handloom clusters where the cluster development programme is under implementation. Additional five handloom clusters i.e.

i) Mahalingapur- Bagalkot Distt.

ii) Challoakere Town, Chitradurga Distt.

iii) Kollegal – Chamarajanagar Distt.

iv) Thimmasandara – Kolar Distt. and

v) Mulakalamuru – Chitradurga Distt. have been selected in the State of Karnataka and their diagnostic study has been conducted. The proposed new Scheme will cover the weavers both in and outside the cooperative fold.